



Birch Twig

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Birch Lane Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather this summer by spending quality time with friends and family. It was a very busy summer at Birch Lane! Our custodians and secretaries were hard at work preparing for the arrival of our 643 students. Once again, our building looks beautiful with everything in place for a successful 2019-2020 school year. I'm sure that you will join us in sharing the appreciation of our summer staff!

As we do each summer, we met with Mrs. Magnifico, our returning PTA President, to discuss ways to make this year even better for your children. We started off just a few weeks ago with our first event, the Kindergarten Playdate. What a wonderful morning and great opportunity for our newest Birch Laners to begin to know their new classmates and school. Thank you to the volunteers who took time out of their summer to plan and run this event. As always, it is through your support that the PTA is able to bring such events and educational programs to our students. We encourage all of you to join our PTA this year to support our goal of 100 percent participation.

This school year, we will continue to promote bucket filling, positive energy and choosing kindness. We will build upon these themes to continue to teach our students the importance of making kind choices throughout the day. We kicked this off by reading the book *On My Way to the Koda Bench*. This book was written by members of The Chief Challenge Club at MHS, with the goal of giving every reader the inspiration and courage for growing new friendships.

We are looking forward to another great school year. We hope to see you all at the Back to School Barbeque on Friday, September 20th.

Warm Regards,
Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin



GET CLIPPING!

Thanks for supporting Birch Lane! We will be having Box Tops monthly raffles for clipped and digital Box Tops. Keep clipping and sending them in, either in an envelope or Ziploc bag, with your child's name and teacher. Every 25 clipped Box Tops earns a raffle. Download the Box Tops App and scan your receipts for automatic Box Tops credit. birchlaneboxtops@gmail.com



FALL INTO OUR FLOWER SALE

The Fall Plant Sale Fundraiser starts Sept. 17!. Watch backpacks for forms. Orders which must be paid for in advance are due by Sept 26 and will be delivered on October 3rd. This year we have a bigger selection of beautiful Fall plants including pumpkins!



SEPTA NEWS

The first SEPTA meeting took place on Sept. 12th. District special education administration discussed updates for the upcoming school year. Sensory hallways and pathways are now available in all elementary schools, for all students to benefit from. Everyone is encouraged to visit the SEPTA website www.massapequasepta.com to keep up to date with all upcoming events, meetings, and fundraising. Like and follow Massapequa SEPTA on Facebook. SEPTA will be hosting a Bike Clinic on September 28th.

WELCOME BACK FROM THE PTA

On behalf of the Birch Lane PTA, I'd like to welcome everyone back! I am Kristine Magnifico, proud mom to fifth grader Zachary and your PTA president. For the PTA to be effective and truly representative, parent participation is key. Many parents feel they can't participate because they can't come to meetings or be at Birch during the day. This isn't the case! Whether you have 30 minutes or several hours, we can match your time constraints and interests to our many needed tasks. Keep in mind that by volunteering, you get to enjoy interacting with the children, become friends with other parents, and truly make a difference! We will be running old favorites with new additions this year and need parents to chair or co-chair. Events include our new Fall Festival Bash, Holiday Boutique, Book Fair, Family Fun Nights, and Spring Fundraiser. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please contact us.

Sincerely, Kristine Magnifico

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

We've set a goal: 100 percent PTA participation for every class! We need your help. Sign up today using the link below (\$10 for individuals/\$16 for families). Birchlaneppta.memberhub.store Remember: You must be a PTA member to chair, co-chair, or work on committees and attend PTA events.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day School closed	3 School closed	4 School closed	5 First day of school for grades 1-5	6 First day of kindergarten	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Fun Stuff Books Fundraiser	17 Class Parent Meeting	18 Back to School Night	19	20 Back-to-school barbeque 4-6 p.m.	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Rosh Hashana School Closed					

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Looking Ahead:

October 1: School Closed Rosh Hashana
October 1: Spiritwear sale begins
October 2: Fun Book Fundraiser begins
October 14: School closed for Columbus Day
October 11: PTA meeting. Breakfast with the
principal immediately following
October 15 and 16: Picture Day
October 31: Halloween parade at 9:45 a.m.



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